State of the Military Family

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About Us…

- Family Support Advisory Committee
- Quality of Life Executive Committee
- DoD Family Readiness Council
- Military Assistant
- Mortuary Casualty
- Management Support Office
- DoDEA
- DECA
- AFRH
- Resale/NA F Policy
- MWR Policy
- Family Policy/ Children & Youth
- DSLO/ Continuing Education
- MOS Center
- Communications
- Family Advocacy

2009 Joint Services Family Assistance Workshops

- San Antonio, Texas
- Norfolk, Virginia
- Bellevue, Washington
- Fairbanks, Alaska
- Anchorage, Alaska
- Korea
- Okinawa
- Japan
- Guam
- Honolulu, Hawaii

Coming Soon!

- Arlington, VA
  May 27-28

- Charleston, SC
  June 16-17

Topics Covered

COMMUNICATION PLANS

- Regional workshops conducted by MC&FP staff to brief family support personnel of all Services and components on support programs, pilots, and initiatives ***and to allow networking***

- Military OneSource
- MilitaryHOMEFRONT
  - Plan My Move
  - Military Installations
- TURBO Tap
- Financial
- Children and Youth
- Counseling
- Spouse Employment
- Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
- JFSAP
- Special Needs

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QOL Resources

Calendar of Events
Casualty Assistance
Glossaries
Heroes to Hometowns
Link To Us
MC&FP eMagazine Archives
HOMEFRONTConnections
MilitaryHOMEFRONT Newsroom
MilitaryHOMEFRONT Toolbox
MySTATE
National Resource Directory
eNewsletter Archives
Personnel Locators
Reports
RSS Feeds
Social Networking Guide

Quick Links (External)

DefenseLink
DFAS

Regional Workshops for Military Family Service Providers

MilitaryHOMEFRONT is the Department of Defense website for official Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) program information, policy and guidance designed to help troops and their families, leaders, and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need!

Did You Know

We've captured the latest QOL information, as well as recent additions to our site, all in one location!

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Highlights & Headlines

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http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/mcfp/emag

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MILITARY YOUTH ON THE MOVE

USA4 MilitaryFamilies

From the Principal Director...

I am pleased to offer this first quarterly edition of the Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) eMagazine. Each quarter, we will feature the exciting work being done by the program offices within MC&FP to support our military personnel and their families.

MC&FP was extremely proud to host the world premiere preview of Sesame Workshop's "Coming Home: Military Families Cope with Change" at the Pentagon. It is scheduled to air on PBS, April 1.

Good News » »

This valuable program reaches out to our military youth and offers creative ways for them to cope with life altering injuries their family members might have sustained as a result of their military service. In addition, registration for the 2009 Operation Purple Camps has opened. These free, week-long, overnight camps open to all military children ages 7-17 aim to help military kids experience carefree fun while also learning and coping skills to deal with deployment-related stress.

As we head into the Spring and the Months of the Military Child and Military Family, take time to celebrate the sacrifices made by our service members

EFMP Awareness Campaign

- Message for Service Members:
  - Enrolling in EFMP helps ensure Services' personnel office considers family member's special medical and/or educational needs during the personnel assignment coordination process
  - Services and tools available to assist military families with special needs via the Services and the Department of Defense

EFMP Awareness Campaign

- Message for Leaders:
  - Ensure troops who meet the DoD eligibility criteria are identified and update enrollment as dictated in the Services regulation.
  - Enrolling in the EFMP can help enhance the quality of life for the entire family.
  - Ensure any troop who is eligible to enroll in the Exceptional Family Member Program also has a Family Care Plan.

- Message for Helping Professionals:
  - You can help improve the quality of life of military families with special educational and/or medical needs. The Department of Defense has a process for identifying dependent family members with special needs and considering their special medical and/or educational needs during the assignment coordination process.

Relocation Program

- Encompasses:
  - EFMP/Special Needs
  - Spouse Employment
  - Financial
  - Education
  - Child Care
- Plan My Move
- Military Installations
- Working towards new initiatives!!!

Relocation Managers Worldwide

Welcome!

Welcome to the Relocation Managers Worldwide Community

Military families live a mobile lifestyle. You are the hub of the wheel that keeps families moving smoothly from town to town and country to country. This new relocation community provides a forum for you and your colleagues worldwide.

Do you have questions about the HOMEFRONTConnections features? Take a quick tour to learn how things are organized and how to best use this site.

This community tool can be used to:

- Share information on your location
- Ask for assistance in solving moving problems
- Discuss best practices

Actions

- Start a discussion
- Create a document
- Create an announcement
- Create a poll
- Create Tag Group
- Edit the Community
- Create a sub-community
- Create a Project

Notifications

- Receive email notifications
- View feeds

Latest Poll

There are no polls

Create a poll

Discuss best practices

Share valuable resources

Collaborate with your colleagues to develop program materials

Provide warm hand-offs from one Relocation Manager to another for special cases

Here are a few basic rules that we need to follow when working in our new community:

Do not share your username and password.

Try to limit the size of your posts.

Tag your discussion posts and documents appropriately so that it can be easily located using the search tool.

Per Title 18, Section 1913 of the U.S. Code, direct or indirect lobbying is strictly prohibited.

Contact the HOMEFRONTConnections Manager, Isabel Hodge, if you are interested in creating a community or sub-community for your Service, major command or region etc.

This community is created for you. We hope you will be a frequent contributor and consumer of the information provided. If you have questions or need assistance with the community, please contact the webmaster.

Recent Discussions

Start a discussion or ask a question
Brainstorm with co-workers, get your questions answered, build status with your responses.

Recent Documents

Create a document or upload a file
Write your own drafts, invite selected collaborators, or leave it open for all to pitch in.

Create a poll

Popular Tags

None of the content here has been tagged.

Browse all tags to see tags used elsewhere.

Tag Groups

There are no tag groups.

MilitaryHOMEFRONT Headlines

NAIC Helps Military Research, Recover Life Insurance Compensation

DoD Adoption Reimbursement Policy Reissued

Chairman Recognizes National Military Appreciation Month

Defense Department Plans Morale, Welfare, Recreation Survey

Military OneSource Expands Counseling Sessions

Top Participants

The top participants are currently being calculated or no one has contributed yet.

Resource for Commanders

- **Military OneSource**
  - 365-24/7 telephone and online assistance

- **Military OneSource <u>Center</u>**
  - <u>Surge support</u> for AD/G&R Commanders
  - Deployments/Reintegration

Military OneSource Center and Web Services Provided

- Spouse Employment
- Joint Family Support Assistance Program
- Financial Readiness Challenge Roadshow
- Military Family Life Consultants
- Outreach Counseling
- YMCA Memberships
- TroopTube Social Network
- Blog with Families

Spouse Employment

- Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program (MSCAAP)
  - Virtual program
    - Online MyCAA Financial Assistance Portal
  - Telephonic consultation with trained career / education counselors
  - Career goal identification and evaluation for training, licensure or certification
  - Aptitude / interest testing

COMING MID MAY

Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program

- Visit www.MilitaryOneSource.com/MyCAA:
  - Set up your MyCAA profile
  - Verify Eligibility
  - Conduct Career and School Searches
  - Develop your Career Plan
- Call Military OneSource Call Center Career / Education Consultant if you have questions 1-800-342-9647

Joint Family Support Assistance Program

- Background
  - FY-07 NDAA, Sec. 675, required DoD to implement a Joint Family Support Assistance Program for families of members of the Armed Forces to provide:
    - Financial and material assistance
    - Mobile support services
    - Coordination of family assistance programs

Key Features

- JFSAP partners with military, state, and local resources to:
  - Assess needs
  - Identify resources & address gaps
  - Enhance/build community capacity
    - Facilitate an integrated service delivery system and a community of support and outreach for military families
  - Provide outreach to families to inform them about available resources

Financial Readiness Challenge Roadshows

- Tools for installation commanders upon request
- Tailored to the needs of the installation
  - Assist the commander, installation PFM to reach troops & families
  - Designed to augment, not replace, existing efforts
- 1-day events which feature:
  - Workshops from library of topics
  - Financial personalities as keynote
  - One-on-one financial counseling
  - Youth financial education activities

Financial Counseling Update

- Military OneSource
  - Telephonic counseling
  - Face-to-Face (***new!***)
- Military Family Life Consultants
  - "Personal Financial Counselors" (PFC)
  - CFP® Certificants & AFC® certified
  - On-demand, rotational assignments upon installation request
  - Briefings, one-on-one counseling, education & training
- Financial Readiness Partners

Counseling Programs

- Private and confidential
- Referral to Local Counseling Professionals
  - Licensed
  - Knowledgeable of military life
  - Pre-paid
- No cost to Active Duty and members of Guard and Reserve
- No cost to family members
- Help for coping with normal reactions to difficult situations
  - Individuals, couples, families, and groups
  - *Non-medical, Short term, Situational, Problem solving*

NEW

INCREASED FROM 6 to 12 VISITS

Thank you for being there for our families!!

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